

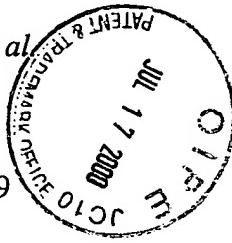
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

David Carl BURDICK, et al.

Serial No.: 09/448,356

Filed: November 23, 1999

For: **PHYTOSTEROL AND/OR
PHYTOSTANOL DERIVATIVES**

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-) Examiner: S. Qazi
-) Art Unit: 1616
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New York, New York
July 14, 2000

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The time for response to the Office Action of February 14, 2000 expired on May 14, 2000. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be July 14, 2000. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$380.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Prior to discussion of the amendments presented below, note is made that the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement asserting that four groups of claims were distinct. With regard to Group III (claim 15) and Group IV (claims 16-20), the Examiner asserted that